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REGIONAL TRADE PROMOTION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Trade Promotion Organisation has set up some Regional Trade Promotion Centres (RTPCs) in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the financial assistance given by the Government to these RTPCs during the last three years;

(d) whether there is any proposal with the ITPO to set up more RTPCs in the States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the criteria being adopted for setting up of RTPCs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) A joint venture company formed between India Trade Promotion Organisation and Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) as co-promoters, has set up a trade centre/exhibition centre in White Field Area, Bangalore on a plot of land measuring about 50 acres provided by the Government of Karnataka. The plan of the exhibition complex inter-alia envisages construction of four modules of 5000 square meters each of exhibition halls and support services to be built in a phased manner.

(c) No financial assistance has been provided by the Department of Commerce for this centre so far.

(d) Yes, sir.

(e) ITPO has been providing technical and managerial support to the State Governments of West Bengal, Assam and Gujarat on their request to facilitate formulation of their proposals in this regard.

(f) The broad criteria adopted for selecting the locations for setting up RTPCsinclude, inter-alia, suitability in terms of being a metropolitan town with large population, existence of a good industrial base, proven experience in organising 3 - 4 major trade exhibitioins annually in the last few years, support of the State Government in terms of providing developed land with a supportive infrastructure in the form of roads, electricity, water etc. and availability of funds.